EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, on behalf of Cleveland County and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff,				
vs.				
MERSCORP, INC., et al.,				
Defendants.				
AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS V. PANOFF				
STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS:				
COUNTY OF COOK)				
competent if called upon to testify to the facts cont	d mind, and otherwise physically and mentally cained in this Affidavit.			
2. I am a partner in the Chicago off	fice of Mayer Brown LLP, 71 South Wacker			

3. I am an attorney representing defendants CitiMortgage, Inc. ("CitiMortgage") and Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. n/k/a CitiMortgage, Inc. ("PRMI") in this matter.

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THE SUMMONS PURPORTEDLY DELIVERED TO CITIMORTAGE WAS NOT DELIVERED TO ITS REGISTERED AGENT

- 4. Plaintiff, in Ex. 1 to its Motion to Remand [#32-2], states that the summons and complaint directed to CitiMortgage were received by Mr. Garry Parrish at 115 SW 89th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 20, 2012, purportedly as "Service Agent" for CitiMortgage.
- 5. However, CitiMortgage's registered agent for service in Oklahoma is CT Corporation, located at The Corporation Company, 1833 South Morgan Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73128. The Oklahoma Secretary of State's website confirms that this has been CitiMortgage's resident agent for service in Oklahoma since at least March 23, 2005. *See* Ex. 1 attached hereto.
- 6. Accordingly, the address on the Affidavit of Corporate/Partnership Service for CitiMortgage in plaintiff's Motion to Remand [#32-2] is not that of CitiMortgage's registered agent for service in Oklahoma.

THE SUMMONS PURPORTEDLY DELIVERED TO PRMI WAS DELIVERED TO AN "EXPIRED" AND "MERGED" ENTITY

- 7. As plaintiff alleges in its Complaint (¶ 21), PRMI merged into CitiMortgage in 2005. The Oklahoma Secretary of State website confirms that PRMI's status is "expired" and "merged." *See* Ex. 2 and 3 attached hereto.
- 8. The address to which plaintiff directed the summons for PRMI— 735 1st National Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101 (*see* Ex. 2 to Plaintiff's Motion to Remand, #32-2)—is the same address listed as the registered agent for the "expired" and "merged" PRMI on the Oklahoma Secretary of State website. *See* Ex. 2 attached hereto. Nevertheless, the summons was purportedly received by Mr. Gary Parrish at a different address—115 SW 89th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (*see* Ex. 2 to Plaintiff's Motion to Remand, #32-2))—which as

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indicated in ¶ 4 above, is the same incorrect address where the CitiMortgage summons was

purportedly received.

9. Wherever the PRMI summons was purportedly sent, the summons was served on

an expired and merged entity.

CITIMORTAGE HAS YET TO BE PROPERLY SERVED BUT NONETHELESS CONSENTED TO

REMOVAL PRIOR TO REMOVAL AND STILL CONSENTS TO REMOVAL

10. As of the date of this Affidavit, CitiMortgage has yet to be properly served in this

matter.

11. Nevertheless, prior to the filing of the Notice of Removal [#1] on May 18, 2012, I

informed counsel for defendant U.S. Bank N.A., P. Russell Perdew, as well as counsel for other

Removing Defendants, that CitiMortgage consented to removal of this action, but because

CitiMortgage had not yet been served and PRMI had merged into CitiMortgage in 2005, it would

prefer that the Notice of Removal instead state that consent from CitiMortgage and PRMI was

unnecessary.

12. Without waiving any rights to proper service or jurisdiction, CitiMortgage (and

the merged-PRMI) still consent to the removal of this matter.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Thomas V Panoff

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Illinois, this

day of June, 2012.

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL

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Notary Public - State of Illinois

My Commission Expires Jun 08, 2015

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